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GROUP ART UNIT: 1764 APPLICANT: Alfred E. KELLER SERIAL NO.: 09/625,710 EXAMINER: Douglas W. Rudnick FILED: July 25, 2000 FOR: Process for Producing Syngas In A Short Contact Time

Reactor Using Catalytic Partial

Oxidation of Hydrogen Sulfide

Hydrogen Sulfide

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 17, 2002

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated December 17, 2002, and in reply submits the following amendments and remarks. The format of this Amendment and Response is in accordance with the USPTO Notice dated January 31, 2003 entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted."